

Duvall Library Board Minutes, October 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 on October 22, 2007. Present were:
Library Board: Alan Butler, Don Barden, Denny Redman, Paige Denison, and Karen Wallin.

Duvall Library: Laura Boyes.

River Current News: Reporter Carol Ladwig.

Denny Redman read the minutes for the meeting of September 24. Karen suggested that the minutes be amended to add "ed. Note:" to the parenthetical comment in the fourth paragraph to indicate that the comment was added after the meeting. The minutes as amended were accepted and approved.

Old Business:

Status Update, New Duvall Library Facility: Paige suggested that board try to find out how supportive the City Council candidates are of the library and the Big Rock Road site. Don suggested that we try to have the new City Council members join the Library Board at its next meeting so they can be brought up to date on the history and current status of the new library. There was general agreement on this. Paige said that we should also invite members of the planning board as well. Karen recommended that the board try to be as well prepared as possible to brief council and planning board members. Paige said that we have all the essential information in our reports and meeting minutes. She said that the planning board members have raised some questions about the Big Rock Road site. She spoke with Mayor Ibershof, who said that the permitting review process was on schedule, and expects that it will come to the City Council sometime in December for a vote. Paige said that it was her impression that the zoning issues were complex, and involved zoning, plats, roads, the "urban village" concept, and that the various interested parties all had their own views. She said that the developers, however, are used this kind of local wrangling, so we must wait, be patient, and keep informed by talking to those who can affect the decisions.

Paige said that Doreen Booth, the City's Economic Development Director, is still the official liaison with the Library Board, but has not attended any of our meetings for a long time. Alan thought that Cari Hornbein, the new Planning Director, should also be more involved, especially as work on the new library accelerates. Paige will call to see if Cari, or Lara Thomas or Todd Hall can attend our November meeting.

New Business:

KCLS Budget Meeting: Paige urged board members to try to attend one of the KCLS budget meetings that will be held in various locations throughout the county in November. She referred to the meeting schedule that was sent to the board members via Email. She said that the board needs to be aware of KCLS budget priorities and this is a good opportunity to meet and talk to board members from other library boards. The

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budget meetings will be held on November 12 and 13. There will be a meeting on November 13 in the Bellevue Regional Library, Room 1, at 6:30 p.m. Most board members will try to attend that meeting.

KCLS Board Meeting: Paige said that the next KCLS Board meeting will address the Carnation Community Library Study. Laura noted that Carnation differs from Duvall in that it has a very high population of children and juveniles under the age of 18, has a large lower income population, and the library is close to the schools. All of these factors, she said, affect the kind of service that the Carnation branch provides.

Duvall Library Updates/Needs: Laura Boyes briefed the board on her attempts to fill the Library Assistant position. She said that it had been posted twice, but it is hard to fill because Duvall is considered to be “far out.” She said that the limited hours during which the Duvall library is open will require the Library Assistant to work a few hours a week, perhaps once a week, in the Woodinville branch. So far, she noted, there have been no applicants from Duvall.

Laura said that KCLS plans to interfile children and juvenile non-fiction with the adult non-fiction in the larger branches. Karen asked about this, and Laura said that “it is not going to happen in the Duvall branch.” Paige asked about the rationale behind this move, and Laura said that there are pros and cons, but it is easier for patrons to have the books together rather than requiring them to look in two places. It also may be less embarrassing for some patrons to find children’s books without having to go to the children’s section. Paige said that shorter children would have difficulty reaching to higher shelves. Laura said that the books would not be placed on the upper shelves. Don thought that was inefficient. Paige was concerned that children would not be very likely to browse in the adult section. Karen asked about the affect of the plan on library design and layout. Laura said that it was part of the design of the larger branches. The discussion was lively.

Friends of the Library/Civic Club (FOL/CC): Paige attended the last meeting of the FOL/CC and said that Joe Lee Davidson will continue to attend Library Board meetings as his increasingly busy schedule permits. She said that the FOL folks are concerned about the lengthy process to settle on a library site.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 26, 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Barden